

LIVABLE DELAWARE ADVISORY COUNCIL
Paradee Building
September 8, 2003

Minutes

The Governor's Advisory Council on Planning Coordination held a meeting on Monday, September 8, 2003 at the UofD Paradee Center, State Personnel Training Center, Dover, DE.

Members Present: Lt. Governor John Carney, Chair
Secretary John Hughes
Joe Corrado
Secretary Nathan Hayward
Mayor James L. Hutchinson
Randy Marvel
Robert McLeod
Paul Morrill
Ken Murphy
Marty Ross
Rep. Roger Roy
Secretary Michael Scuse
Lori Spagnolo
Robert Stickels

Members Absent: Director Judy Cherry
Sherry Freebery
Joe Myer
Richard Pryor
Sen. Robert L. Venables
Lee Ann Walling
Rick Woodin

Others Present: Charles Baker, NCCo Land Use
Karley Barnes, Budget
Kevin F. Coyle, DNREC
Tom DeVine, OSPC/UD
Lorraine Fleming, Delaware Nature Society
Doug Gramiak, Office of Lt. Governor
Fernando N. Guajardo, DSHA
Connie Holland, State Planning
Sandy Johnson, Director DSHA
Roger Jones, Nature Conservancy
Richard Kautz, Sussex Planning
Andrea Kreiner, Office of the Governor
Steve Lefebvre, HBA/DE
Mike Mahaffie, OSPC
Michael McGrath, DDA
Troy Mix, OSPC
Wendy Scott, The Nature Conservancy
Austin Short, DDA
Ann Marie Townsend, OSPC
John H. Trochimowicz, Budget
Bob Zimmerman, DNREC

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Carney called the meeting to order at 1:10 P.M.

Mr. Carney introduced John Hughes, council member and Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control. At the last meeting Mr. Hughes gave a presentation on Green Infrastructure. Many questions arose from that presentation. Mr. Carney asked Mr. Hughes to address the council's concerns and represent the information at this meeting.

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

Secretary Hughes led the presentation on Green Infrastructure. (A summary from the presentation is attached).

In summary, the Green Infrastructure Subcommittee made five recommendations:

1. Incorporate green infrastructure maps into the 2004 update of the Strategies for State Policies and Spending Maps. Use maps to direct future state program investments and to guide local land use planning.
2. Develop innovative landowner incentives to protect green infrastructure within growth areas
3. Enhance and expand existing state programs to protect forests and forested wetlands throughout Delaware
4. Support the Delmarva Conservation Corridor initiative
5. Adopt a 5-year goal to permanently protect 258,000 acres of natural resource and recreational lands and working lands.

During a brief discussion, it was decided that no action should be taken on the recommendations until further information be presented to the council relating to questions raised at this meeting, i.e. map overlays, green/gray infrastructure costs, financial support. Mr. Carney asked Mr. Hughes to have his group return for an update. Mr. Carney said the council needs to focus on what exactly it is that they are to recommend to the Governor.

An extended discussion focused on the fifth recommendation and the significant financial commitment that would be needed from the state. Mr. Scuse reminded the council that land values are and will continue to escalate. Mr. Corrado suggested that the general assembly needs to revisit the TDR program legislation.

MISCELLANEOUS

Due to the fact that the minutes for the July meeting were handed out at the beginning of this meeting, Mr. Carney asked council members to review the minutes and contact him if there were any changes.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2003, 1:00 P.M., Paradee Building, Dover.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 3:05 P.M.